

Appl. No. 10/680,985
Amdt. dated April 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 24, 2006

Atty. Ref. 89277.0008
Customer No. 26021

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 were presented. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 20 are canceled, without prejudice. Claims 3-6, 9 and 12-19 are now pending.

Allowed Claims

The allowance of claims 3-6, 9 and 12-19 is noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Lyons (US 5,941,328). Claims 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Lyons. In response, claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 20 are canceled, without prejudice.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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